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WIDESPREAD BOMB PLOT UNDERTAKEN IN SEVERAL CITIES

Big Explosion In Home of Judge Hayden of Boston Evidently Caused by Outside Anarchist — Family Escaped Injury as They Were Not at Home — The Judge Declares He Will Not Be Intimidated

ATTEMPT TO GET ATTY-GEN. PALMER

His Home in Washington Badly Damaged—Believed a Philadelphia Anarchist, Who Was Killed by the Bomb, Made the Attack—Officers Believe Plot Was Planned in Philadelphia—Explosions in Other Cities

BOSTON, June 3.—Early investigations of the explosions last night at the home of Police Judge Albert H. Hayden in the Roxbury district and that of State Representative Leland Powers in Newtonville tended to confirm the first opinion of the police that the outrages were part of a nation-wide plot. Pamphlets found scattered outside the Hayden house were identical in language with those found at the home of Attorney General Palmer in Washington.

State Chemist Wedger, who visited the scenes of the explosions today, expressed the opinion that a fuse bomb was placed in the Hayden residence. He said the odor of the fuse could be distinguished in the cellar when the police arrived. The nature of the explosive used at the Powers' residence were inclined to think a stick of dynamite was thrown there. No one was injured in either explosion.

With the exception of a son, Malcolm Hayden, all of the members of Judge Hayden's family were at their summer residence in Plymouth and so escaped injury. The son was just returning home and was but a few hundred feet down the street when the explosion occurred.

Judge Hayden after viewing the premises a few hours after the explosion declared that had he and the family been in the house some of them must surely have been killed. His own bed chamber and that of his daughter were wrecked as well as other portions of the house. He said the damage would amount to several thousand dollars.

Judge Hayden expressed the opinion that the attack on his home was made because of his attitude in the cases of nearly a hundred May day rioters who recently appeared in his court and upon many of whom he imposed heavy sentences. "But it does not intimidate me in the slightest," he said. "It was the most cowardly thing one could imagine."

The only reason that could be ascribed for the attempt to blow up the Powers home was the legislative activity of Representative Powers on the anti-anarchy bill recently adopted. The police had little to work upon in their investigation. Judge Hayden told the police that he had received no threat either by letter or in person and that he was unable to furnish any definite clue to the perpetrators of the outrage.

Examination of the Powers home in Newton by daylight showed the damage to have been considerable. Representative Powers estimated the damage to his house at \$5,000. A quantity of radical literature was found on the piazza.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Tuesday, June 3.—Business meeting of the Epworth league at 7:45 p.m. in the league room.

Masonic Temple
Tuesday, June 3, 7:30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Bingham chapter.

TURNBULL'S Brick Ice Cream
Try It
The Park Drug Store
18 Main Street Phone 210

PETROGRAD IS FALLEN.

Reported the Estonians and Finnish Forces Have Taken City.

COPENHAGEN, June 3.—Estonian and Finnish forces have taken Petrograd, according to an unconfirmed telegram from Var-doe received by a Danish newspaper here.

and elsewhere in the neighborhood of the Powers house. Supt. of Police Michael H. Crowley expressed the opinion that the men responsible for the bomb outrages came here from other cities for the purpose and were experts in the handling of explosives.

A guard is being maintained about Judge Hayden's home and other steps were being taken by the police to prevent a repetition of the explosions.

Two men suspected of being concerned in the explosions last night were detained by the Boston police today. One was released after examination, but the other was held pending further investigation.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Police inspectors today believed they had identified the man who was blown to pieces last night in an effort to kill Atty. Gen. Palmer with a bomb as a Philadelphia anarchist. They were confident the nation wide plot against the lives of officials and prominent men had been laid in Philadelphia. A blood stained conductor's identification check found in front of Mr. Palmer's residence early today showed that the anarchist arrived in Washington at 10:30 o'clock last night from Philadelphia.

The police have established that the dead anarchist who probably was an Italian came to Washington from Philadelphia. The identity of the anarchist who was killed apparently has been established.

The explosions last night were accompanied by the scattering of anarchist literature written by persons who were not illiterate. The literature contains the stock doctrine of radicals who have been preaching class war. The anarchist killed here apparently was of Italian birth. He had dark and curly hair.

BOMB OUTRAGES IN MANY CITIES

Attempt to Kill Attorney General Palmer—Other Explosives in Homes of Officials.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Attempts on the life of Attorney General Palmer were made last night through the planting of a bomb which wrecked the lower portion of the Palmer residence in the fashionable northwest section of Washington. Mr. Palmer and all members of the family escaped without injury, being on the street at the time.

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EMPLOYEES ASK FOR SHORTER HOURS

Committee of S. A. Smith Mfg. Co. Employees Makes Request Today—Wants Decision by Saturday.

Employees of the S. A. Smith Mfg. Co. made a request this morning through a committee, for a 54-hour week at 60 hours pay, all overtime to be paid for at time and a half. They asked for a reply by 11 o'clock Saturday of this week. The committee says it expects other wood-working factories of this town to join in the movement. President A. B. Clapp of the S. A. Smith Mfg. Co., is in New York and no decision will be made until he is consulted.

Centre Congregational Church

Thursday, June 5, 3:30 p.m.—Meeting of the women in the chapel. Subject, Some Trail Makers of the Orient.

Tuesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.—All young people of the parish above 14 years of age will have a picnic supper, leaving the corner of Canal and Pine streets at 5:30 o'clock.

First Baptist Church

Thursday, June 5—Organ recital by Alexander Lamb of Laconia, N. H., with readings by Miss Jones of Keene. Audiences Y. P. S. C. E. Tickets 35c and 25c.

Red Men's Hall

Regular meeting of Brattleboro camp No. 7287, M. W. A., Tuesday evening, June 3, at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, June 4—The Lodge Triumphant of S. F. of A., will have a special meeting to hear the report from the district lodge meeting and discuss various parts of the by-laws. Election of deputy will also take place. Members are urged to attend.

Dance will be held every Saturday night.

Explosion This Morning at Door of Judge Charles C. Nott's Home in New York City Killed One Man—Several Persons Had Narrow Escapes—The Judge Was Not at Home

ROUND UP OF SUSPECTS BEGUN

Fifteen Men, Mostly Russians Placed Under Arrest at Pittsburgh—Five Homes in the City Were Wrecked Last Night—Department of Justice Has Agents Investigating

NEW YORK, June 3.—One man was killed and several men and women had a narrow escape from serious injury early today when a bomb placed at a basement entrance to the home of Judge Charles C. Nott of general sessions court exploded. The front part of the Nott residence was blown out and houses nearby on East 81st street were damaged. Judge Nott was not at home, and Mrs. Nott who was asleep on the second floor was uninjured.

PITTSBURGH, June 3.—A round-up of suspicious Russians, I. W. W. sympathizers and Bolshevik agents was begun today by the agents of the department of justice as the result of the wrecking last night of five homes including those of Judge W. H. S. Thompson of the United States district court and W. W. Sibray, chief inspector of the bureau of immigration. Fifteen men, mostly Russians, were arrested this morning.

Robert Johnson, 35, president of the I. W. W. organization here and internationally known as a radical agitator, was arrested after a fight with detectives and agents of the departments of justice in a downtown office building today. He opened fire on the detectives with a revolver when they opened the door of the I. W. W. headquarters on the third floor of the building. Several bullets passed through the clothes of detectives, but no one was injured. Johnson was overpowered and taken to police headquarters with a quantity of anarchist literature found in the office.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Anarchists and radicals with anarchist ideas all over the country were questioned today by agents of the department of justice. Attorney General Palmer, Director Allen of the bureau of investigation and Police Chief Pullman held a conference at noon. The bomb outrages were denounced in the senate and drastic legislation was urged.

The senate halted consideration of the woman suffrage resolution and other business, while Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, reintroduced a bill favorably reported to the senate last winter but which failed of passage providing severe penalties against acts of advocacy of violence designed to overthrow the government.

INCLINED TO MODIFY TERMS TO GERMANS

Premier Clemenceau Firmly Against It—Germans Violate Armistice in Poland.

(Associated Press.)

A disposition on the part of some of the members of the council of four to modify certain terms to which the Germans have made the most emphatic objection is indicated in dispatches. Premier Clemenceau is reported standing firmly against any concessions. Premier Lloyd George is favorable to modification. Premier Orlando has taken no decided stand and President Wilson is inclined to leave the final decision to the French and British.

There was no meeting of the council of four today.

Dr. Carl Renner, head of the Austrian peace mission, was expected to leave Paris for Switzerland today to meet members of his cabinet and discuss the answer Austria will make to the allied terms. Despatches from Vienna state that the Bolshevik regime in Hungary has been replaced by a government headed by Her-germain, former minister of commerce in the Karolyi cabinet.

A German detachment is said to have violated the armistice agreement with the Poles and to have crossed the Polish frontier from East Prussia. A Warsaw dispatch says that the Poles have launched a counter attack and repulsed the invaders.

The troubles that never come singly travel fast and far in a day.

BOY SCOUT WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

Plans Made at Meeting of Local Scout Council Last Evening

EARL A. BRAMAN IS NEW COMMISSIONER

Chosen to Succeed Harold P. White, Resigned—Troops to Be Reorganized and Canvass Made for Pledges to Support the Work.

Plans for the observance locally of National Boy Scout week, June 8 to 14, as well as for the re-organization of the scout movement in Brattleboro were made at a meeting of the local scout council last evening.

Harold P. White, who has served as local scout commissioner for the past year, resigned this position and Earl A. Braman was chosen as his successor. Mr. Braman, who will be in Brattleboro throughout the summer, will take active charge of the scout work upon the close of the public schools and plans for a summer camp will be perfected as soon as possible. The new commissioner has a wide acquaintance among the boys of scout age by reason of his service as teacher of music in the schools, and the local council feels that the scout movement will take on a new lease of life under his leadership. As soon as possible the local troops will be reorganized in accordance with the ideas of the national association. This will mean in all probability the formation of four troops.

The objectives of Boy Scout week, which will be observed throughout the United States in accordance with a proclamation of President Wilson, are to recognize the value of the scout movement, to bring to the attention of each community the value of a well organized scout council, to interest men, especially returning soldiers, in helping along the work, to enroll adults as associate members through the payment of \$1 or more, and to interest all boys of scout age in joining the organization.

In Brattleboro it is hoped to find several hundred men and women who will be willing to support the scout movement by the payment of \$1 or more. Local scouts will make a house-to-house canvass for pledges, which will be payable to the treasurer of the local council, F. C. Adams, at the Vermont Savings bank.

The following committees have been appointed to take charge of the local observance of Boy Scout week: Town chairman, Rev. D. E. Trout; publicity, H. C. Rice; program, H. P. White and Rev. H. P. Woodin; survey, Dr. W. R. Noyes and E. V. Morse; finance, F. C. Adams.

WOULD ARBITRATE DAMAGE QUESTION

Baptist Church Willing to Convey Land for Street Widening Purposes, but Not Without Cost.

One more obstacle in the way of widening Main street between High and Grove streets was removed last night at a special meeting of the First Baptist church, but the situation is not yet clear enough to indicate what the outcome will be.

In response to a call for a special meeting about 15 members attended, and after discussion of the proposition of the town to take a strip of land across the church lawn for sidewalk and highway purposes the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the First Baptist church of Brattleboro, Vt., in response to a verbal request from the clerk of the selectmen of Brattleboro for the submission of a proposition relative to damages to the property of the church by the proposed widening of Main street, do hereby consent that the church will convey the land in question to the town for street purposes and will leave the question of price and restrictions to arbitration by three men—the selectmen to choose one, the trustees one, and these two to name a third. The decision of these three men to be final and to be accepted by the church.

The trustees were appointed agents to make the transfer in case the proposition is accepted by the town. The official report of the meeting was handed to the selectmen today.

This resolution eliminates consideration of the tree belt across the church land, and in that respect it accords with propositions from other land owners. Otherwise the letter is the same, in effect, as that of the trustees to the selectmen dated May 10, when the trustees stated that they would not recommend that the church give the town without cost the land required for the proposed changes.

THE WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer Tonight and Fair Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight. Warmer on Wednesday. Fair Wednesday fair. Gentle to moderate shifting winds.

FUTURE OF VALLEY FAIR DEPENDS ON DRIVE NEXT FRIDAY

MISSING SALESMAN LEAVES NO TRACE

Went from Brattleboro to Bellows Falls—Automobile Against Fence—May Have Drowned.

Robert T. Lapp, traveling salesman for Ingersoll Brothers of New York, Ingersoll watch makers, was in Brattleboro on Tuesday night of last week, staying at the Brooks House, going from here to Bellows Falls, and since Wednesday night he has not been seen or heard from in that town. His automobile, in which he had been traveling, was found Friday against a fence two miles north of Bellows Falls, and it is thought that in a collision he was thrown into the Connecticut river and drowned.

Landlord F. C. Willis of the Hotel Windham in Bellows Falls has been busy sending telegrams and answering telephone inquiries regarding the mysterious disappearance.

Lapp visited the trade in that village Wednesday and that afternoon left in his Ford to visit Springfield, saying that he would be back to the hotel to occupy his room that night. When nothing had been heard of him Friday afternoon Mr. Willis made inquiry and found that Lapp's automobile had collided with the fence a couple of miles north of Bellows Falls on the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut on the return trip, presumably Wednesday night. A fence post was knocked over, the headlights broken and the box in the rear had been broken into and books and correspondence were scattered about. At the place where the accident happened it is only 10 or 15 feet from the Connecticut river.

Mr. Willis' theory is that Mr. Lapp was thrown into the river and lost his life by drowning. He wrote to the house in New York city, but because of a holiday and Sunday, did not get a reply until yesterday, stating that they knew nothing of Lapp's whereabouts. An effort was made to reach his wife at the home in Wakefield, Mass., but it was found that she was visiting parents in New York. It was found that Lapp was a member of Somerville council of united commercial travelers of America. The river may be dragged.

TESTAMENT CARRIED THROUGH TWO WARS

In Spanish War with A. V. D. Piper and in European War with His Brother-in-law Back Today.

Attorney Arthur V. D. Piper received today a New Testament which he carried in the Spanish-American war and in the Philippines and which his brother-in-law, Bernard R. Howe of Moon Lake, N. Y., carried in this country and in England and France in the European war. It has traveled approximately 50,000 miles.

The Testament was presented to Mr. Piper the day he left Brattleboro for Fort Ethan Allen as a member of Company I, 1st Vermont regiment, May 6, 1898, and was carried by him to Chickamauga, where the regiment was stationed. He took it with him to the Philippines, where he was corporal in the regular army, going in October, 1899, and returning in June, 1901, covering over 34,000 miles.

His brother-in-law took the Testament in Brattleboro Dec. 6, 1917, when he left to enter the aviation service. He was in various places in this country until Aug. 8, 1918, when he sailed for England, going to France the next month and returning to this country last month.

Various dates and places are noted on the back fly leaf.

HOT WEATHER HERE WITH VENGEANCE

Temperature at 2.15 p. m. Today Highest of Any June Day in Past 10 Years.

Following the unseasonably cool temperature of the past few weeks persons found themselves today thrust into mid-summer weather with the mercury standing at 96 degrees at 2.15 o'clock, a rise of nine degrees over the hottest time of the day yesterday, and the mercury was still rising.

The temperature of 2.15 o'clock today was four degrees hotter than at any time in the month of June last year, when the hottest day was June 1, the thermometer registering 92 degrees. The following 28 days of the month last year found the mercury below the 90 mark, but on June 30 it reached just 90.

The next hottest June day in the past 10 years was in 1914 when the mercury rose to 93 degrees.

PERSONAL.

Lauren Pike left today to visit his sister, Mrs. Stella Schultz, in Woodford. He was accompanied as far as Greenfield by Miss Katherine Sherman, who will visit there.

I. C. C. TO MAKE RATES.

Bill Restoring that Power Favorably Reported Today.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The senate interstate commerce committee by unanimous vote today ordered favorably reported a bill by Chairman Cummins restoring at once the rate-making powers of the interstate commerce commission.

NET RECEIPTS OF TRACK MEET \$36.70

Miss Pauline Fisher to Supervise Drawing in Montpelier Next Year—Class Work Nearing End.

Following is the financial report of the interscholastic track meet: Track meet tickets and dance, \$190.35; score cards, \$16.76; profit on class meet, 66 cents; total receipts, \$216.97. Expenses—Paid to Vermont Printing company and Brattleboro Reformer, \$39; Thompson for medals, \$78.19; orchestra and hall, \$20; refreshments, \$17.90; war tax, \$21.73; incidentals, \$3.45. Total expenses, \$180.27; balance on hand, \$36.70.

The track team of 17 men will go to Burlington for the preliminary tryouts for the state meet Friday and the finals Saturday of this week. One of the interesting features of the meet will be the competition between Brattleboro and Rutland high schools. The Brattleboro team is confident of making a good showing.

The sophomore French pupils are giving original oral reports on French pictures and on places of interest in France.

Miss Pauline Fisher, who has taught the high school drawing classes this year, is to be supervisor of drawing in the schools of Montpelier next year. She has done splendid work in B. H. S. and everyone will be sorry to have her leave.

Miss Dorothy Hubbard and the male quartet, consisting of Arthur Barrett, Leland Covey, Francis Nichols and Leighton Noyes, rendered the very beautiful selection, Taps, in the Baptist church Sunday. The notes on the cornet were furnished by Harry Plumb.

The Brattleboro high school baseball nine experienced its first defeat at the hands of a town team Saturday. The game was interesting and showed by the support which Burke received that the team has developed a great deal since last season. The winning runs were due largely to a misunderstanding between Austin and Wells over a short fly to left field. This was the last game of the season.

In a recent class meeting the juniors selected their motto, "Launched, Not Anchored;" their colors, gold and white; and their flower, the yellow rose.

The examinations for extra credit in music will be given by Alexander Lamb of Laconia, N. H., Friday afternoon from 4 to 5, and on Saturday morning from 9 to 10 o'clock. Appointments are already posted.

The final examinations will extend from Tuesday afternoon, June 17, through Friday, June 20. There are but nine days more for regular class work this year.

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are requested to meet at Odd Fellows' temple Sunday, June 8, to attend services in the First Baptist church.

State's Attorney E. W. Gibson has not pressed the case of the state against Maj. F. W. Childs, who was charged with driving his automobile without a license, although on account of a delay through a change in the fee it had not arrived.

The funeral of Jesse F. Weatherhead was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in his home in Guilford. Rev. D. E. Trout, pastor of the First Universalist church, officiated at the committal service. The burial took place in Christ Church cemetery in Guilford. Mr. and Mrs. George P. Miller sang two selections. The bearers were Fred Weatherhead, Edgar Weatherhead, Walter O. Cooley. There was a profusion of flowers. Those who attended from away were Col. and Mrs. Thomas Hannon and Mrs. Grace Whitney and daughter of Bennington, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weatherhead of Springfield, this state.

BAR TUBERCULAR CATTLE.

Government Will Not Allow Interstate Shipment After July 1.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—As a further means of preventing the spread of tuberculosis among livestock, interstate shipments of cattle failing to pass the tuberculin test will be prohibited, beginning July 1, under a regulation issued by the department of agriculture.

Unless Entire Amount of Stock is Subscribed on That Day All Plans for Show Next Fall Will be Abandoned, According to Directors' Vote

AMOUNT REQUIRED CLOSE TO \$10,000

One-Day Campaign to Secure Pledges Will Take Place Friday With Definite Understanding That Every Dollar of Amount Needed Must Be Secured Before Night

The fate of the Valley fair will be definitely determined on Friday of this week.

A drive for the sale of stock in the new association will take place on that day with a definite understanding on the part of those interested that if the necessary amount—approximately \$10,000—is not subscribed then all plans for a fair this fall will be abandoned.

This matter was determined last evening at a meeting of the directors of the fair association and the special campaign committee named to handle the matter of stock sales. During the discussion it was pointed out that unless the sale of stock was completed immediately it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to complete plans for a fair this fall, and the directors finally voted to abandon all further plans for a fair unless the entire amount of stock was sold by Friday of this week.

The action taken last evening puts the future of the Valley fair squarely up to the people of Brattleboro and surrounding towns. If they are willing to take stock in sufficient amounts to enable the new association to take over the fair property and have the necessary working capital there is no reason why a fair cannot be held this fall; otherwise, the property will have to be sold to meet the indebtedness of the old association and the plan in all probability will pass out of existence.

The fair directors are firmly convinced that the matter must be settled at once as their vote of last evening shows, and it may be stated with absolute authority that unless every share of stock is sold by Friday night the whole idea of a fair will be dropped.

Friday's drive will be in charge of a committee of which Charles G. Staples is chairman and the other members are A. P. Simonds, W. L. Hunt, C. F. Mann, D. Cowles and J. E. Gale. The actual work of canvassing will be done by teams made up of those who promised at last week's meeting to do whatever they were called upon to do. Each team will have a captain who will be furnished with a definite number of names to be divided among his solicitors and the entire task of solicitation will be completed in one day.

A meeting of the campaign committee and the fair directors will be held in the board of trade rooms tomorrow evening to make up lists, assign quotas, etc., and on Thursday evening the captains and solicitors will be called together for instructions. The drive itself will be an intensive one, and at the close it will have been definitely determined whether or not the Valley fair is to continue.

In French.

A savoir faire marmaille, Who was known as the Marseillaise belle, Was asked for a kiss By a soldier named Miss, And she told him to gaix straight teaux helle.

—Pellican.

AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

8.15
William Faversham

—IN—
"The Silver King"

10c, 15c, 20c